

I realize that the CW requirement for HF privileges will probably be dropped soon. Although I can live with this, I would prefer to keep the 5 wpm element 1 test. I would prefer that technician class be authorized SSB on a small segment of the HF bands (as tech plus is now with CW) and still require the 5 wpm test for General and Extra class. If CW is dropped then I would request and recommend two considerations.

1. I would hope that there would be no change to the band allocations especially in the CW/SSB allocations. I also would recommend no change in the band allocations for license class.

2. I would recommend that if CW is dropped, that the current technician class only be authorized on the current tech plus band segments of the various bands.

I feel that this is important because I would hate to see CW lost. I feel that if the CW portions were reallocated, we would see SSB spread to the rest of the bandwidth and we would lose CW. That would be a sad day for amateur radio.

Thank you  
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